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1. Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League title (May 6, 2023)

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India's Neeraj Chopra has started the 2023 season on a bright note by **winning the javelin throw title** at the **ongoing Diamond League in Doha**.

An overview of the news

- The **25-year-old Chopra**, who **won the 2022 Diamond League Final trophy in Switzerland** last September, won with a best throw of **88.67m**.
- Chopra struck his straps on his first attempt with a world-leading **throw of 88.67 metres**, which was the **fourth best of his career**.
- He maintained the lead till the end to win the event in his **second appearance at the Qatar Sports Club**.
- **Czech Republic's Vadlejch** finished **second** and **Grenada's Peters** finished **third**.
- With this victory, Neeraj has also achieved the world lead.

Top three in Javelin Throw

- Neeraj Chopra (**88.67m**)
- Jakub Vadlejch (**88.63m**)
- Anderson Peters (**85.88m**)

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An Overview of the News

- The league is a joint venture between **FIDE and Tech Mahindra**, and will be organised in association with the **Dubai Sports Council** as the host partner.
- The vision of the league is to bring the game of chess to new audiences and create an ecosystem for the game, providing a platform for champions from around the world to showcase their chess potential.
- The announcement was made in the presence of key dignitaries including Consul General of India in Dubai **Dr. Aman Puri**, five-time World Chess Champion and FIDE Vice President **Viswanathan Anand** and several members of the Global Chess League Board.

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Star athlete **Tori Bowie's** management company informed on 3 May 2023 that the **US sprinter and long jumper**, who won three **Olympic medals and two world titles**, died at the age of 32.

An Overview of the News

- For the past few days neither Tory was seen anywhere in public nor there was any news of her. Later, when police officers went to his **Orlando (Florida) residence** to inquire about her news, Bowie was found dead.
- The sheriff's department informed that Bowie's death was not being investigated as a suspicious death. That is, the officials are considering Tori's death as a natural death.

Career of Tori Bowie

- Bowie was raised by her grandmother in the rural environment of **Mississippi (USA)**. She **switched to long jump in 2014** and became the fastest woman in the world that year.
- Bowie also took silver in the **100m, bronze in the 4x100m relay and gold in the 200m at the 2016 Rio Olympics**.
- Bowie became **world champion in 2017** by winning the **world 100m title in London**.
- She finished fourth at the **2019 World Long Jump Championships in Doha**, her last major competition.
- President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC): **Thomas Bach**.

7. Sports Minister launches logo, mascot of Khelo India University Games 2022 (May 5, 2023)

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An overview of the news

- The **3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games** will take place from **May 23 to June 3**.

- The opening ceremony is scheduled on May 25 at the **Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow**.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath**, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports **Nisith Pramanik** and Sports Minister of Uttar Pradesh **Girish Chandra Yadav** were present at the launch ceremony.
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